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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ruth F. EDEN) Group Art Unit: 1641
Application No.: 09/763,578) Examiner: Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen
Filed: July 28, 2001) Confirmation No.: 9243
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR)
CONCENTRATING SELECTED)
GROUPS OF MICROORGANISMS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In reply to the Office Action dated May 13, 2005, the time for reply being extended two months to October 13, 2005, by the extension of time filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and continued examination of the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification are included on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.